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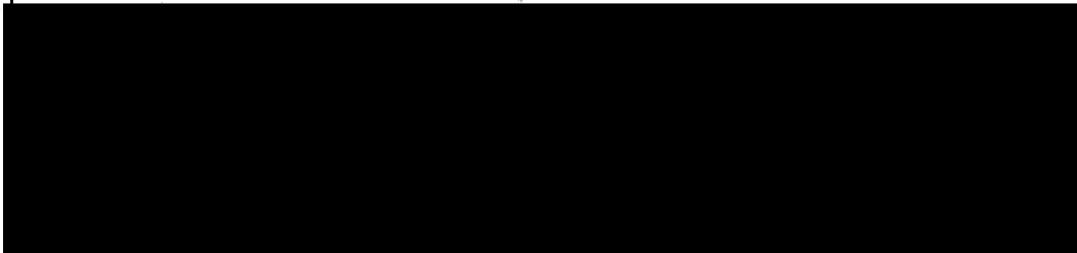
MEMO FOR: Chief, Intelligence Information Staff, CIA  
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THRU : Chief, Economic Research Area  
THRU : Chief, Materials Division  
FROM : Chief, Foreign Metals Branch, D/M/BR  
SUBJECT : Request for Permission to Attend the Mining Show of the American Mining Congress and to Visit Certain Mining and Metallurgical Installations in California and Oregon, 30 September - 14 October 1956

1. It is requested that the Agency sponsor a trip by the undersigned to the Mining Show of the American Mining Congress, Los Angeles, California, 1-5 October 1956. It is further requested that two additional visits be authorized during the same journey  
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2. The American Mining Congress proceedings include discussions by the leaders of the U.S. Mining Industry of advanced practices in exploration and geology, open pit and underground mining, and milling and metallurgy. Special programs deal with strategic minerals and special metals and rare earths. The proceedings are of particular interest in view of CIA's new activity in the field of atomic energy; several of the sessions (e.g., Tuesday, 2 October, 10 a.m.; Wednesday, 3 October, 2 p.m.) cover uranium exploration, mining and milling. These sessions should provide valuable assistance in the pursuit of our research. It should also be noted that a flight trip is provided to the Portola plant of the Kaiser Steel Corporation.

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4. The Bureau of Mines at Albany, Oregon conducts experimental work in extractive metallurgy and the development of high temperature alloys. Particular attention is being given to methods of upgrading low grade and complex ores, a matter which is of considerable current concern in the U.S.S.R.

5. It is believed that the trip will materially improve the undersigned's understanding of current practices in mining and metallurgy and thus aid in the collection and interpretation of intelligence on these subjects.

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**Attachment 1**

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